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Title: MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING )  
WITH RESOLUTION AND CONTRAST )  
ENHANCEMENT )

Art Unit: 2862

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REQUEST FOR REFUND UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.26(a)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

The Applicants, through undersigned counsel, respectfully request a refund of the \$130 fee for suspension of action.

The Applicants filed an RCE transmittal on July 22, 2003. The RCE transmittal did not include a request for suspension of action. In fact, the box for a request for suspension of action was left unchecked.

However, the Applicants were notified in a communication dated August 19, 2003, that such a request for suspension had been granted. In a subsequent telephone communication with the USPTO, the undersigned counsel learned that the \$130 fee had been charged to the deposit account.

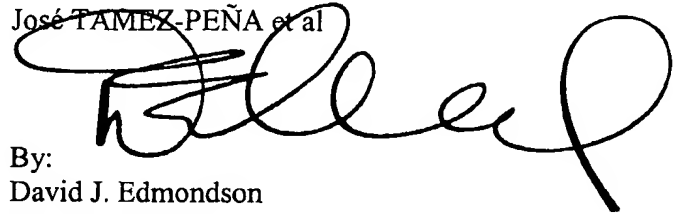
In response, the Applicants respectfully submit that no fee for suspension of action is due or has ever been due, and that such a fee is not authorized and has never been authorized to be

charged to the deposit account. There is no subsequent change of purpose. Accordingly, a refund is appropriate under 37 C.F.R. §1.26(a).

Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that that the fee be refunded to Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (116741-00138). Notice of such refund is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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